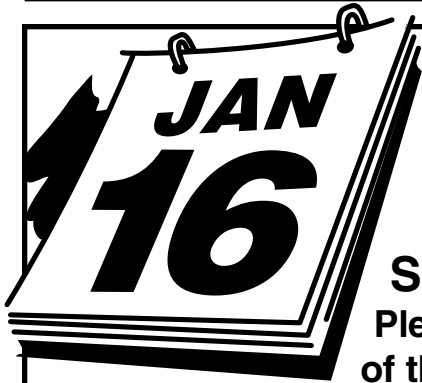




**HOLLYWOOD
SANTA MONICA**
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
H I G H L I G H T S



January Quarterly Meeting

**Samuell Grand Rec. Center, 6200 E. Grand Ave.
Please make plans to attend the Winter Quarterly Meeting
of the Hollywood/Santa Monica Neighborhood Association
on TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, at the Samuell Grand Rec. Center at 7:00 p.m.**

- At this Quarterly Meeting we will have Crime Prevention Officers from the Dallas Police to offer tips to help us keep safe.
- *We will also have Crime Watch stickers and signs available for all current HSMNA members!*
- January is also the time to elect your 2001 Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. Your neighbors who have agreed to serve are: Danni Babik, Rebecca Barnes, Judy Solganick Donohue, Heather Hoffman, Martin Hoffman, Gary Johnson, Rudy Lopez, David Lubin, Sandy Stuart, Judith Timmerman, Dirk Van Slyke, Sharon Wright, Ed Zahra and Kathy Zahra. All current HSMNA members can nominate and vote, and membership dues will be accepted at the meeting for anyone who'd like to join. If you would be interested in donating your time, and helping out your neighborhood, by serving on the Board, please contact Danni Babik at 214-324-3222.

Social at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you on Tuesday, January 16, at the Samuell Grand Rec. Center!

October Quarterly Meeting & Candidates Forum Report

Our October Quarterly Meeting was well attended, even though it fell on the night of the first Presidential Candidates Debate. Fortified by cookies and cokes, those who attended were rewarded with a great opportunity to hear from our local candidates.

Cathy Murphy of the J.L. Long PTA gave a short presentation about the Long Run. Following Cathy, we heard from representatives sent to speak for our U.S. Congressional candidates, who were unable to attend.

Then Ron Walenta (R) and Harryette Ehrhardt (D-Incumbent), our candidates for Texas State Representative, District 107, answered questions from our panel, Martin Hoffman and Ernest Leonard. Martin and Ernest had some very good questions, and the candidates' informative answers were made more enjoyable by the respectful interplay between them. We followed with questions from the floor.

Dr. Bob Duell, candidate for Texas State Senator, District 2, sent a

representative to say a few words; then Senator David Cain (D) was kind enough to answer some questions by our panel, followed by a number of questions from the floor.

We would like to thank all of the candidates who participated, and hope that those who attended found the meeting informative and enjoyable!

This forum would not have been possible without the hard work and organizational skills of Judy Solganick Donohue. Thank you, Judy!

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Preservation Dallas Needs Your Help

Our city's historic neighborhoods could face a serious threat, one that could alter their historic character and property values.

You may have read about the Swiss Avenue "closet" case: Mr. Dean, a lobbyist and former Texas Secretary of State, purchased a Georgian Revival home on Swiss Avenue. He proposed renovations to the front of the home that are inappropriate under preservation guidelines, so the Landmark Commission voted to deny his proposed addition. Mr. Dean appealed to the City Council, who overturned the Landmark Commission's decision, therefore authorizing a streetscape addition to a historic area for the first time in 27 years.

So what does this mean for Hollywood/Santa Monica? We have chosen to live in a historic neighborhood, a Conservation District that protects our significant home investments. That investment could be dramatically affected by alterations to the streetscape that do not respect our neighborhood's historic integrity and appeal.

Preservation Dallas is currently asking the City Council to amend the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance to better protect our historic neighborhoods.

If you, too, believe that the Dean addition on Swiss Avenue sets a dangerous precedent, you can help! Contact Dallas City Hall (www.DallasCityHall.org); write or e-mail your City Councilperson, Vetta Forsythe Lill; write letters to *The Dallas Morning News* and other publications; let them know that you support Preservation Dallas!

The HSMNA Board of Directors supports Preservation Dallas as they try to strengthen protections for our valuable and irreplaceable historic neighborhoods, and hopes that you will, too!

Wash It & Toss It!

Recycling is now a part of our regular trash service! Just place your recyclables out by 7 a.m. on any Thursday that regular trash service is scheduled. You don't even have to separate bottles and cans! Just rinse them, discard caps, spray tops and lids, and place them in 13-gallon or larger **blue recycling bags**.

These are all the things you can place in the bags:

- **Plastic #1, #2, #3 bottles** except those containing hazardous materials (rinse, discard lids, and flatten)
- **Unbroken glass bottles and jars** (rinse and discard lids)
- **Soup cans, pet food cans,** and other crimped tin and steel food cans (rinse, place top inside and squeeze open end closed)
- **Aluminum drink cans** (rinse and flatten)
- **Empty aerosol cans**

You can also recycle the following paper products by putting them in **brown-paper grocery sacks** and putting the sack out beside the blue bag (except when it's raining):

- **Dry, unyellowed newspapers with inserts**
- **Dry food/cereal boxes** (remove any wax paper and flatten)
- **Mixed paper, junk mail, and magazines**

For more information on this program, call the City of Dallas at 311, CWD's Recycling Hotline at 214-391-9300, or visit CWD's web site at CommunityWasteDisposal.com

Home Tour Volunteers Needed!

Our Annual Home Tour is Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29, and there is no better or more fun way to get to know your neighbors than to donate a few hours of your time! Please call Patty at 214-328-3385!

October's J.L. Long Run Wrap-Up

The results are in and the big winner in the Long Run is J. L. Long's community! We had a great turnout and a lot of effort on the part of parents and faculty who volunteered, and all the students who came out to run. The change to a nighttime run – and one centered at the school – seems to have made a big difference in our turnout. We had over 300 runners registered (more than twice what we've had in the past) and we raised over \$13,000 from sponsors and runner entries, netting about \$8000 after expenses. J. L. Long students Saul Casteneda and Lauren Eubank were the first place 14-and-under finishers in the 1-Mile Fun Run. You can check the final results of the 5K online at www.runondallas.com

A big thank you to all those who volunteered their time setting up, registering runners, filling water cups, working the race course, working the finish line, serving food, and cleaning up afterwards. A big thank you to the Friends of Long for donating the hot dogs, and to Cooter Hale for organizing the dads to do the grilling! We would also like to thank: Tom Crabb for his booming voice as our wonderful M.C.; Chris Simpson for donating the tents (they made it an event!) and cones for the course; Mr. Lolley and the Woodrow Jazz Ensemble; Sally Moore for having her WW Cross Country Team run the event; and Coach Barnd and the Long Athletic Department for the enthusiasm and great participation.

A big thanks to our title sponsors: Hollywood Santa Monica Neighborhood Association & *The Advocate*

Thanks to the companies that donated our prizes: Lakewood Cycle for the scooter; Shoe Cents, Loews, & Whole Earth Provision for gift certificates; Starbucks; and Geena Volpe of Keep U-N Stitches for the great Long Run hats.

Also, the Long PTA would like to thank our Hollywood neighbors for their cooperation in letting us have the run in your neighborhood.

You will find a list of the Long Run sponsors in your student directory. Please support us and say thank you to all our sponsors!

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH NEWS

Neighborhood Crime Alert

Hopefully, you have noticed the "Crime Alert" signs that were put out this week. They are due to an incident that occurred on Friday evening, about 11 p.m., at the corner of Lindsley Ave. and Valencia. A resident parked his car in front of his house, and was approached by two hispanic males in their 20's. They displayed a knife and robbed the resident, and left in a large white commercial van driven by a third suspect.

In November a resident was robbed on Santa Monica at about 2 p.m. by two black teenage boys with a gun. This month a resident was robbed on San Mateo by a group of young males in a car.

We hope these are isolated crimes, but with the general prosperity of the times has come a corresponding increase in crimes all across the city.

What Can You Do?

Call 911 to report anyone or anything that doesn't belong!

If someone looks out of place, suspicious, or just not right,

Call 911

Be aware of your surroundings at all times, but especially at night. Be aware of your neighbors' homes, too.

Put up Crime Watch and/or security system signs.

If you are an HSMNA member, or if you become one, you can pick up your complimentary Neighborhood Crime Watch window stickers and fence sign at the January Quarterly Meeting!

Make your home more secure:

Make burglars feel they are at center stage - they are visibility shy.

- **Trim your trees and bushes** to increase visibility of doors and windows.
- **Install outside lights**, with motion sensors, that point down to your walkways and dark areas (not up into your neighbors' windows).
- **Eliminate concealed vestibules** or light them well.
- And please, **turn on your front and rear porch lights** at night, every night.

Secure your garage, too!

The focus of many burglaries has been garages, often because residents left doors open or unlocked. But some types of locks can be easy targets, too. Padlocks cannot secure a latch if that latch is attached with small screws that can be easily pried off. The police recommend that you attach your latch with long screws that go all the way through the door and are secured with a metal plate and bolts on the inside.

Our most valued asset:

What's more precious than knowledge, patience, experience, wisdom and history? Our Senior Citizens have all this and more. They are the history of our wonderful neighborhood. Are we doing all we can to help and care for these folks? We can all keep an eye on our neighbors, but these neighbors are in the best position to "Crime Watch" during the daytime hours, when most crime occurs. In return, perhaps we can help with small projects or just spending a few minutes weekly catching up. Ever notice how being a good neighbor is contagious?

September/October/November Crime Statistics

Burglary

800 Cordova
1100 Cordova (TV; front door)
1100 Cordova (Currency; side window)
7100 E. Grand (Clothing; front door)
6800 Hammond (Bicycles; garage)
6900 Lindsley (Home appliance; front window)
500 Monte Vista (Bicycles; side door)
6900 Patricia (Lawn equip.; front door)
7000 San Mateo (Clothing; side door)
800 Valencia (Lawn equipment; garage)
1000 Valencia (Currency; side window)
1000 Valencia (Radio/stereo; rear window)
7000 Vivian (Motorcycle)
7100 Vivian (Tools; garage)

Robbery

7000 Santa Monica (Currency)
7100 Vivian (Currency)

Assault

7100 San Mateo (5 incidents)

Theft

400 Cordova (Tools)
7100 E. Grand (Bicycles)
6900 Hammond (Auto parts)
800 Monte Vista (Tools)
800 Monte Vista (Tools)
400 Valencia (Sporting goods)
500 Newell (Radio/stereo)
7100 San Mateo (Auto parts)
800 Tenison Memorial (Tools)
400 Valencia (Auto parts)

Auto Theft

600 Clermont
600 Cordova
900 Cordova
7100 E. Grand
7100 Lindsley
600 Valencia
800 Valencia

Vandalism

800 Newell
7000 San Mateo
7100 San Mateo (2 incidents)
600 Valencia
600 Valencia
700 Valencia

An Important Note For All Of Our Dog-Owning Neighbors

The love of a dog is one of life's great rewards. A dog is a devoted friend, eager to please, offering affection and companionship to any who are willing to provide the attention and care it needs in return; the delight of a dog is accessible to anyone with time and a generous heart.

But being a responsible dog owner also means you are aware of your dog's impact on your neighbors.

Do you leave your dog out in your yard? Is he getting so bored that he barks out there? You may not be bothered by the noise, but what about the neighbor whose bedroom window overlooks your barking dog?

And when you walk your dog, please be aware that Dallas has revised the "pooper scooper" ordinance. When you walk your dog, you must have in your possession a device or means to pick up after your dog.

Please, be a considerate dog owner!

NAMES, NUMBERS, & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HSMNA Conservation District Reminder

The Hollywood/Santa Monica Conservation District Ordinance protects your property, your neighborhood, and your architectural heritage. If you receive this newsletter, then your home is protected by this Ordinance, which is enforced by the City of Dallas.

The Conservation Ordinance requires residents to receive Planning Department approval before beginning any exterior remodeling, repairing, or improvements, such as enclosing porches, painting brick veneers,

The city staff will work with you to help you accomplish your goals while adhering to the Ordinance guidelines. **Please contact Mike Finley of the Planning Department at 214-670-3718 to discuss your plans before you start work!**

HSMNA Contractors List

HSMNA keeps a list of contractors and service providers who have worked in this neighborhood and have been recommended as providing good (or not-so-good) service. If you need a referral, or would like to add a name to the list, please call Ed or Kathy Zahra at 214-328-1912.

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Remember, any non-emergency City of Dallas questions or problems can be reported by calling 311.

We Need You!

Make it one of your New Year Resolutions to join or renew your HSMNA membership today! **Please fill out the membership form below and mail it in with your check.** At only \$1.25 a month, this is the best way you can support the programs and projects that better our way of life in our neighborhood!



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President **Danni Babik**
Vice President **Heather Hoffman**
Treasurer **Rudy Lopez**
Secretary **Sandy Stuart**

Voice Mail **214-712-0222**

(The Voice Mail is checked weekly except when signs are up. Please do not use this number for emergencies.)

Bulky Trash Pick-Up

The City of Dallas picks up bulky trash in our neighborhood *the week of the THIRD MONDAY* each month. Bulky trash may be put out on your parkway *from the Thursday prior to 8 a.m. Monday the week of pick up.*

January's pick-up will be this next week, so get your trash out by **Monday, January 15!** Pick-ups for the next months will be on the weeks of Monday, February 19, March 19 and April 16.

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Complete this membership form and send in with your check to:



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Name _____

Household \$15

Address _____

Senior (Age 65-75) \$5

Phone _____

Emeritus (75+) Free

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